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Whiteside seeks presidency

Brandi Hinnant

SPECIAL TO NUBIAN

The big ticket for students next year, according to some, is the ticket of Lock Whiteside and Tommy Ozbolt.

On Tuesday night in the Turlington basement, Whiteside and Ozbolt conducted a forum in which they formally announced their intentions to run for student government offices. Whiteside is running for student body president and Ozbolt is running for student senate president.

Saying that they are "looking at every angle to make the N.C. State experience extraordinary for all students," Whiteside and Ozbolt, styling their candidacy "The Big Ticket," have collectively worked in every branch of government; something they say will be beneficial to students.

"We understand student government due in part to our many years of experience in it," Ozbolt said.

"However, we are not so immersed in student government that we are blinded to the need for change, nor the needs of students," finished Whiteside.

Late night meetings, platform

revisions, interviews, phone calls and e-mails are just a few of the tasks these candidates said they will tackle in preparation for their presidential runs.

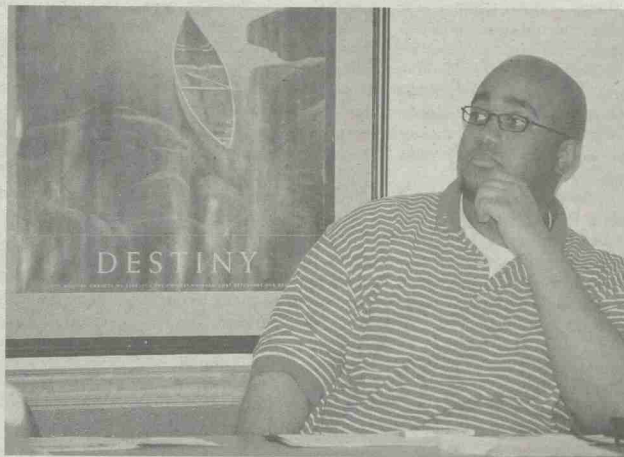
Whiteside, a junior in political science, is running on a platform that calls for student government to be more active in the campus community. One of his proposed community service projects is H.O.P.E., or Helping Others in Public Education.

"This program would help the Raleigh community see that NCSU is giving back by tutoring area students," he said.

Whiteside also said he would like to create a council to bridge the gap between the five major collegiate institutions in Raleigh. He said city ordinances affect Meredith College, Peace College, Shaw University and St. Augustine's College just as they affect NCSU.

"The schools should be able to unite and be an active voice when city leaders make policies that affect the students," Whiteside said.

Whiteside then commented that he will fight for more seats being allotted to students for football games as well as having the Wolfline



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Destined? Lock Whiteside announces candidacy for Student Body President.

expand its services to cover ACC basketball games.

Believing that there should be town hall meetings to assess and understand the needs and wants of the students, Whiteside said that he just wants to make NCSU a better

place.

Making it a better place, he said, includes executing a mandatory appeals process for appropriations, fighting alongside the Association of Student Governments for the student

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Deltas, SAAC explore elitism's effect on blacks

Candace Stokes

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"Our Kind of People: A Look at Elitism and the State of Black America," was a program co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Society of African-American Culture on Thursday in Witherspoon Student Center.

"The belief that certain persons or members of certain classes or groups deserve favored treatment by virtue of their perceived superiority, as in intellect, social status or financial resources," was quoted by Faith Leach, as a definition of elitism.

Dr. Theresa Edwards, an adjunct professor of Africana Studies at N.C. State, moderated the program. A discussion about issues concerning today's black community and ideas and opinions on what elitism and leadership are to different people were issues among the topics discussed.

The first portion of the discussion, facilitated by Leach and D.J. Hardy, was deciding who fits the description of a black leader in America. Individuals discussed were Oprah Winfrey, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, Bob Johnson, Condoleezza Rice, Barack Obama, Clarence Thomas, Russell Simmons and the late Shirley Chisholm.

People had very diverse views about each individual. The attendees agreed to disagree. Some, such as Rice, Obama, Chisholm and Thomas, may

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The Search for a New Director

AACC Director Candidate

Janet Howard

• The four finalists for director of the AACC will be visiting campus over the next month. Each week, we will profile each candidate and publish an in-depth interview to give the community a closer look at who will be the Cultural Center's driving force.

Aniesha Felton

STAFF WRITER

"Where can we go, and how do we get there?" were questions presented to the audience by the third candidate for the director of the African-American Cultural Center.

Janet Howard, interim director of the AACC, answered these questions and others on Thursday in Witherspoon.

Howard, who sees herself as a problem solver and a "get the job done" type of leader, outlined her vision and goals by borrowing a quote from Chancellor James L. Oblinger.

"Innovation in action," she said. "This best describes what I want to do with the Center. I want to go from conversation of ideas to implementation of ideas," she said.

Among the many things that have come up through conversation that Howard hopes to make a reality in three to five years, is the creation of a research center.

Commenting that the creation of a research center will be a major draw for the Cultural Center, Howard said that she hopes scholars from around the nation and world will flock to the center to con-



Janet Howard

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duct, present and apply their research.

"What I would love to see are scholars from every corner of the world conducting research that will address social issues that are important and prevalent in the African-American community," she said.

Howard also mentioned that she wants people from Raleigh, the southeast and from around the nation to flock to the Cultural Center for an annual fundraiser.

Saying that the AACC Library and Art Gallery will need external funding in the future, Howard proposed a cultural event that would provide entertainment and education for its attendees while also providing money to keep the library and gallery functioning.

"In my mind, I picture a blues or jazz festival for the fundraiser," she said. "I also see different kinds of art, paintings, drama and dance also being a part of the festival."

"I want this event to be something people put on their calendars, something people can't wait to experience again," Howard said.

Howard also suggested a living wall for fundraising purposes. Saying that, "people love to see their names on something permanent," Howard said the wall could possibly be in the shape of an Adinkra symbol such as the Sankofa bird.

Also included in her vision is a scholar-in-residence that will reinforce academic learning and will be

involved in research, an assistant director who will deal with the "daily operations" and maintenance of the building, and a full-time librarian.

After commenting that the purpose of the Cultural Center is to be an academic unit and not a social hangout, Howard said that she still wants the Center to be a welcoming place.

"I want visitors, whether they be students, faculty, Raleigh patrons or whoever to come through the door and feel like they are home," she said. "When they walk through those doors, I want them to know that we are absolutely glad to see them," Howard said.

Howard said she wants to see students talking about a professor's research or social and academic change rather than their boyfriends, girlfriends or next party. She also said that if she becomes director, if students want to shoot the breeze, they could possibly visit her on certain afternoons to speak to her.

"We're not a student center; we don't lounge around and watch television. That's what Talley is for," she said. "However, if students need a place to express their thoughts and ideas, I will gladly speak to them on Thursday and Friday afternoons," she said.

Howard acknowledged that, if hired as director, her presence will be scarce at the AACC and that students need not deem that as lack of concern for the Center.

"I want for students to know that if they don't see me at the Cultural Center all

the time, that is only because I am working hard for it," she said. "I don't fancy meetings too much, however they are necessary for progress and at this time in the Cultural Center's history, it is ready to make great strides forward," she said.

One stride that Howard plans to make is naming the Cultural Center. Although she would like persons to make contributions to the Center, she said that this does not mean that the largest donor will have naming rights.

"After much discussion among the Cultural Center staff, faculty and students, we will decide on the name and it will surely be a name of somebody worthwhile and not the biggest contributor," she said. "That person might not be able to give one red cent, but we will honor them anyway because of their contribution to our people," she said.

Concluding, Howard said that the director position is not as important as the Cultural Center itself.

"The person who sits here is far less important than the well-being and growth of the Cultural Center," she said. "Whether I am director or not, I will do all I can do to continue the momentum of the Cultural Center, that's just how much I want to see it move forth," she said.

The last candidate interview for director of the Culture Center will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 22, in AACC 375.



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Toni Thorpe and Theresa Edwards counsel students at program.

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appeal to different audiences on a more political note.

Others, such as Winfrey, Combs, Johnson and Simmons, may affect people more interested in the media/entertainment. This distinction between those who viewed people as leaders may be more easily drawn along the age line.

All attendees were asked to participate in an activity about elitism. Everyone worked in groups. They were then given quotes and asked to write down their outlooks about each quote.

One of the groups that participated discussed the issue of black people who know exactly what is necessary to uplift the community, but contribute the least to help the community.

The quote from which they got their topic listed education, community resources and other models of success to be components of a better community. The group collectively decided that the use of available resources is essential in an improved community.

These resources ranged from educated individuals becoming accessible to share

their knowledge, to finding positive role models in local churches. A member of the group stated, "Education cannot always be acquired by everyone, but for those of us that are able to embark on a higher education should be willing to motivate others to make efforts to do the same."

It was also mentioned that prominent people should lead by example and many believe that is an excellent way to become successful.

There was a general consensus concerning elitism, which was, "Everyone should have the opportunity to become elite."

The status of being elite has different meanings to different people, such as driving a luxury car, having a large bank account or graduating college.

A younger audience may be more impressed with entertainers than politicians. Once they are adults, and possibly in positions of power such as political figures, they will positively fill leadership positions in the future. The next generation can learn to be elite from the elite.

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voice on the Board of Governors, the entity that determines whether or not tuition will increase, and continuing traditions such as the Hillsborough Street hike.

"We're not running for student government, we're running for the students," Ozbolt said.

Ozbolt, a junior in political science, said that he just wants to improve the quality of life for students at NCSU.

"I am calling for reconstruction, a radical reform of the student senate," Ozbolt said.

As his first order of business, Ozbolt said that he wants to reconstruct the constitution.

"I just want to make sure the common student can read it and discern what

it says," he said.

Ozbolt, as senate president, said he would look into seat distribution and make sure the body accurately represents its constituency. He also desires to do away with the elitism that comes with the title of senator and make the senate a student congress or a house of representatives.

Ozbolt also said that he wants to revamp the appropriations committee by making interviews required for the chair of the committee as well as for every member.

Commenting that ticket distribution needs to be reformed, he said, "I want N.C. State to move into the new millennium with online ticket distribution. If other schools can do it, so can we."

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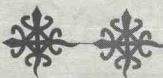
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Nigga, please.

EDITORIAL

• It's time we addressed some of the issues of being black — issues we confront daily. Something of an eye-opener, perhaps, for blacks and non-blacks.

Black:

"Dirty. Soiled. Characterized by the absence of light. Thoroughly sinister or evil. Indicative of condemnation or discredit. Connected with or invoking the supernatural, especially the devil. Very sad. Gloomy. Calamitous. Marked by the current of disaster. Characterized by grim, distorted, or grotesque satire [—] Of or relating to Afro-American people or their culture."

White:

"Of the color of new snow or milk. Marked by upright fairness. Free from spot or blemish. Free from moral impurity. A symbol of purity. Favorable, or fortunate. Characterized by a controlled pure sound."

Being a member of a group or race characterized by reduced pigmentation."

Source: Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, tenth edition.

Now we must ask ourselves, does it really matter if you're black or white? From the time children are taught to speak, walk, and think, black is something to fear.

Bad things lurk in the dark, like the boogeyman, robbers and killers — children are to be in the house before dark, and black is evil, while white is pure. Children internalize life lessons, and fear of everything black is instilled in children very early on.

To characterize and call a people "black," therefore, is to attach the notion of uncleanness and corruption to that people. However, to call a person "white" is to attach the notion of purity, trustworthiness and goodness to that people.

Nigger, coon, porch monkey, ape and pickaninny are more derogatory terms targeted at people of African descent, but none have consequences as everlasting as to call them black.

Some would argue that "nigger, or nigga" is no longer a derogatory term for African-American people because, "we have changed the meaning, and now it's a term of endearment."

But has the meaning really changed?

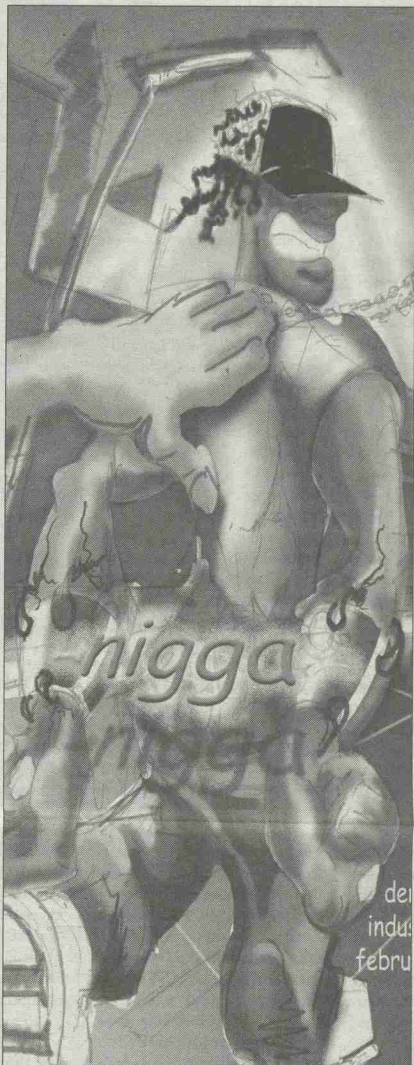
African-Americans who use the word "nigger, or nigga" have internalized the negative connotations of the word, and are attempting to rationalize their use of a term still considered unacceptable if used by anyone else.

Although we refer to ourselves as black, and we embrace black power and black culture, it is important to note that this is the legacy we must endure. When a "white" person wakes, they awake "pure and devoid of blemishes." When a "black" person arises, they face a world that considers their pigmentation "sinister and indicative of evil."

What of those who would argue that changing the meaning or the connotation of a word changes how people feel — as in those who draw a distinction between nigger and nigga? We would say: it's all black and white.

—from the desk of the Talented Tenth

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"Victims of Our Demise"

Derick L. Harris' staff

Modern martyr



Joy Johnson
COLUMNIST

• A martyr is a key member of a group or society who dies for a cause or belief. Joy Johnson talks about a modern-day martyr: Amadou Diallo.

"Gave the hood a modern day martyr in brother Amadou," were the infamous words that artist Talib Kweli used to commemorate slain 24 year-old Amadou Diallo.

In keeping with black history 365 days a year, I wanted to give a little insight into modern day black heroes who are many times the overlooked and underappreciated black martyrs of our time.

Everyone knows how people like Dr. King, Malcolm X and Medgar Evers died fighting for civil rights and liberties that we often take for granted. But very few people are aware of those who are fighting and even dying presently in the name of civil rights and equality.

When you heard the words to Kweli's

song "Around My Way," did you even know who he was speaking of when he said that infamous line? Or even Lauryn Hill's song "Rebel" which she wrote in response to the uproar in New York City after Diallo's death?

If not, let me impart some knowledge about a 20th century black martyr whose blood was unjustly shed, but not vainly spilled, and will forever be a part of our history.

Imagine that you are just a young black man, 24 years old, a native Guinean in America working almost 72 hours a week with the American dream on your mind every one of those hours. You love the typical things any college-age American does — Michael Jordan, Nike

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The black church, our enemy

• There are many organizations in the black community that have helped and hindered progress. This is part of a series which takes the organizations to task.

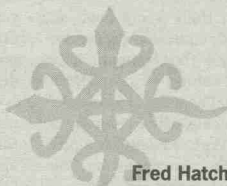
I've decided to write a series of articles on black organizations that have contributed to the progress of African-American people, and those who have hindered the progress of black communities.

I will save the best for last, and the worst for first.

The worst are the liberal black churches that are wreaking havoc in our community. People use to look to the church for spiritual and moral guidance. Now it's just a crutch to lean on for any sin possible.

People will sin and have the brainwashed audacity to say, "Well my pastor said it was okay," when God says it's not. Recently, a black pastor who belongs to another of the hurtful organizations demonstrated his lack of sincerity in the black community.

He hosted a program for the national



Fred Hatchett
COLUMNIST

HIV/AIDS black awareness. He was proud to admit that he would be promoting fornication by passing out condoms at the front door of the church. The safe sex issue is based on the premise that people are going to have sex anyway.

So, the deception is using the word "if" instead of "when" they have sex.

Since this is true, it is an outright endorsement of sexual sin by church leaders. Therefore, pastors are leading their sheep in the pasture of no hope by doing this.

Pastors allowing homosexuals not only to be members of their churches, but lead choirs are guilty of hypocrisy. Pastors and other men of God are promoting murder by abortion, endorsing pro-abortion candidates and publicly being in favor of

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UNC sweeps IVASA pageant



Johnathan Brunson
STAFF WRITER

The African Student Union hosted its inaugural "Mr. and Miss IVASA North Carolina" pageant Saturday night in Nelson Hall.

The contest included contestants from the African student organizations at Duke (DukeAfrica), N.C. Central (International Organization), UNC-Chapel Hill (OASIS) in addition to NCSU's own ASU.

ASU billed the program as a way to unite Africans in North Carolina, as well as to showcase the unity of

African people from the continent itself at NCSU.

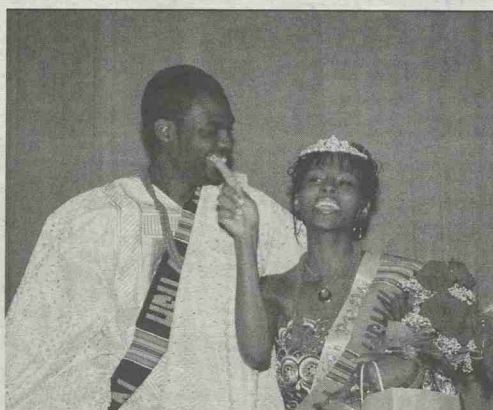
"I felt the connection among my African brothers and sisters," Kenya Ford, a senior in communications said. "It was a privilege to watch African students get the opportunity to express themselves, to come together, smile, laugh, dance, and express the culture we all share throughout the African Diaspora."

Contestants recited poetry, sang African hymns, and danced.

This program was intended to allow African students to represented their

culture outside of negative stereotypes. Event organizers noted that the audience was mostly students from Nigeria, but all African students represented their schools and people with pride and intense excitement, they said.

The program concluded with the coronation of both the male and female contestants from UNC: Mariatu Cole and Tega Jessa. Hordes of students from the audience rushed the stage in support of their African brother and sister.



Jerry L. Blackmon II - Staff

Students from UNC-Chapel Hill swept the pageant Saturday.

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the barbaric procedure.

Worst of all, the token leaders of the black church are supporting, agreeing and praising the demonic religion of Islam. They want to embrace a religion whose purpose is to make the whole world a religious state. The black liberal church is the largest and worst enemy.

They make it worse by giving comfort to other major black organizations and individuals, when what they need is the truth that they are suppose to be preaching. They have bought the ultimate lie of evolution.

They are spreading a hopeless gospel of secular humanism. A local divinity school had a conference on sexuality. Why? If the church, and in this case the black church were preaching the truth, these conferences would not even exist.

The black church has been lost in the pool of elitism by whoring themselves with ungodly people, principles and other organizations that oppose the gospel. It's a common result of playing with the devil and getting burned.

You have liberal black pastors dedicating babies for self-esteem instead of having the mother and/or father to repent before the church for their open sin. Black men of God are counseling the executive wing of our government, while at the same time, secretly committing the same sin. So I dub the liberal black church as the worst black organization in our community.

The second major black organization that needs to be lynched is the NAACP. Now I do believe that the NAACP was founded with the best

intentions to help black people.

Unfortunately, the tide in the organization has changed. It is used by the black elitists as a platform for their political and personal agendas. A black group recently invited the baby killing, gay marriage believing disgrace to speak at one of their events.

He holds the other title of chairman of the NAACP. The NAACP plays the double standard between former President Clinton and President Bush. Denouncing Bush at every turn, but giving a pass to Clinton for committing adultery, lying to the grand jury and the people of America from 1992-2000.

The most recent despicable act was their public endorsement of the pro-abortion movement specifically concerning the black female. Their next announcement will be the support of gay marriage. Major figures of the group, religious and secular, support gay marriages. Sellouts!!!!

They even support black political candidates that support partial-birth abortion. In the midst of my research, I found that God's revelation to me has been confirmed. The NAACP does endorse the whole agenda of the same sexes.

On their home page on the Associations link, you will find the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy. The most sickening of this whole endorsement is when our black leaders along with their ignorant following are led to believe that homosexual rights are civil rights.

The liberal black church and the NAACP do not get my endorsements. They are just a part of the scourge of our community. Black people

cannot even think logically. They are so seduced and wrapped up in the black movement that they do not even concern themselves with the real problems of the community they claim to serve.

Instead, they partake in any project that gives any aspect of equal rights, while being unconcerned about the results. These organizations and the people following them are so near-sighted that they cannot see the far-reaching and deadly results. What is also a shame is the partnership between these two and other black organizations.

We do not expect the Ku Klux Klan to harass, rape, deny us of rights or lynch us anymore. We are doing a great job ourselves. We are our own worst enemy. The black church and the NAACP are the greatest contributors to the black bastard children born to single mothers.

A real family is a husband, wife and children if they have children. A family is not an unwed mother and her child. The black liberal church and the NAACP are the major reason why we are no longer the largest minority.

When you are killing 536,000 black babies per year by abortion, and generating \$250,000,000 into the economy, forget boycotting discriminatory businesses. It's no wonder that a little old white woman knew to target liberal black preachers and black elite to push forth her abortion policy in our community.

Does Minister Hatchett have a point?

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shoes, independence from your parents and college life.

One day you are at home and hear a knock on the door, you open it to what appears to be four white men in plain clothes. They begin to ask you a series of questions about a crime you know nothing about and you reach for your wallet to prove that you are not who they are looking for. Before you can even get it out of your pocket, they begin to open fire on you execution style.

You want to scream, you want to ask why, but there is no time; they are firing a total of forty one shots one after another until your body is unidentifiable and riddled with bullets. Seems unimaginable right? Well, the unimaginable happened when Amadou Diallo was viciously and mercilessly executed by four white New York City police officers in plain clothes in February of 1999 while unarmed with no prior criminal record.

This is a work of opinion, so I will give mine, people say that race is not an issue but just five years ago after Diallo was shot 41 times, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told his New York constituency to "not rush to judgment."

If the police officers were not rushing through their questioning of Diallo and then rushing through their rounds of bullets he would have never had to make that ridiculous statement. The death and martyrdom of Diallo was a blatant example of the wave of reported torture and abuse by white police officers on African-American males over the years.

Diallo's murderers were acquitted, meaning that they were set free after the four of them emptied their guns into an unarmed man simply because they claimed that he "may" have been a rapist for whom they had been looking for, a black one of course.

Diallo's death would have just been another black man dead in America if it had not been for the large

public outcry by the minorities of the city along with leaders like the Reverend Al Sharpton, attorney Johnnie Cochran and Diallo's parents who called for the U.S. Justice Department to perform an in-depth investigation.

Although the four men literally got away with murder, Diallo's parents would not allow his death to be in vain. They used it as an opportunity to found The Amadou Diallo Education, Humanitarian and Charity Foundation which awards scholarships and fellowships and works with non-profit organizations in addition to the U.N. to fight inequality, racial profiling and police brutality in the name of their son Amadou.

Many people look to Black History Month to learn about peoples of the past like Sojourner Truth, W.E.B. Dubois and Harriet Tubman whom we hear about every year. Please do not misinterpret my words.

I believe that knowledge of the past and those who were influential in past generations is vital to one's self-knowledge and identity as a person of color. However, I use this month, as well as all 365 days of the year, to reflect on black leaders, intellectuals, achievers and martyrs who are presently fighting and dying for the betterment of my race here and abroad.

People like Amadou Diallo and others are often overlooked by our generation because they are not rapping, playing a sport or acting. But, what happened to being proud of just being "young, gifted, and black," because whether or not you are aware of it, people are still dying and suffering for those very three words which characterize many of you.

Let's celebrate the life and death of people who are our present day Dubois, King and Tubman. It's a living history, not a dead past...Celebrate 365!

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The history is being made this year. Next year, the campus will expect nothing less. Be part of Nubian's history.

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The quest for the ring



Melissa McLean
STAFF WRITER

Did you know that engagement rings date all the way back to the 1500s?

King Edward the sixth of England decreed that the third finger of the left hand, the marriage hand, would, from then on, be the official ring finger.

It was believed that a vein called the *vena amoris*, which means "vein of love," ran from this finger to the heart.

In ancient cultures, the circle signified wholeness. In its endlessness, it is the perfect symbol of the oneness and unity that marriage should represent.

It has no beginning and no end; neither should the love that is shared between a husband and wife, the tradition goes.

So it seems logical that an engagement or wedding ring would be worn on this finger. Diamonds, of course, have been the most sought-after gem used



for engagement rings.

However, over the years, the gems, shapes and metals used to make engagement rings have changed tremendously to meet the evolving tastes of the world. But that is not the only thing that has changed.

Today, women have taken to wearing engagement-type rings on the ring finger of the right hand. If the left

ring finger represents love and marriage, what does wearing diamond rings on the right ring finger possibly mean?

There is no real explanation. No one knows exactly how this trend began, but it has gotten the attention of women, mostly singles, as well as diamond jewelers.

Because single women have caught on

to the trend, it is quickly becoming a fashionable way to celebrate their independence and love for diamonds, without waiting for a man to present the left finger a diamond ring. In the article "Right-hand rings signal single status"; some diamond companies have taken this concept and created a campaign for

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Keep that inner beauty glowing



A. Michelle McLean
MBS EDITOR

In this world, people are taught that beauty or being beautiful makes the person. Society has set certain standards and stereotypes that many cannot achieve. Society considers tall, thin and blond as the standard of beauty. When one does not measure up to the standards, that person is pushed over to the sidelines.

To avoid being ignored and put out of competition, many try their hardest to seek physical perfection, in turn to become a part of the in-crowd of society, especially women. We cut, pluck, tuck and alter our natural selves to make others happy.

Unfortunately, the female body image has increasingly become one of the largest issues facing young women. The way we perceive our bodies and ourselves is a crucial factor in the difference between a satisfying and confident lifestyle, and a life spent disliking and resenting a body image that does not conform to someone else's standards of beauty. Body image, moreover, could become the cause of some extreme personal issues both psychologically and emotionally, eventually leading to trauma.

As the American standard of beauty becomes stricter and more demanding, countless women develop distorted images of themselves. The frustration that it creates, in turn, results because the ideal "figure" or image is not accomplished.

However, so many women are so dissatisfied with their body sizes and shapes that they perceive that they are pushed to go to great lengths to main-

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Focus on African-American skin care



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With much emphasis being placed on looks in today's society, skin care is very essential to staying refreshed and beautiful. Usually, informative advice on skin care for the woman of color is sometimes neglected and ignored in the skincare and cosmetic industry.

It is important that information is provided for African-American women so that they can be familiar with potential problems they might face as a result of their skin complexion as well as what can be done to prevent those problems.

The most common problems associated with African-American skin are: uneven skin tone, oily or combination facial skin, and dry or chapped skin on the hands and body.

Many African-Americans will find discoloration of the skin a major problem. Some parts of the skin are

their normal tone while other parts have become darker or lighter, yielding an uneven skin tone.

This is caused by the presence of melanin in African-American skin. Melanin is the pigment in the skin giving African-Americans their darker skin color. It also aids in protecting skin from the sun.

When the skin is irritated or damaged by acne, rashes, cuts or abrasions, the production of melanin will increase in that area, causing darkening and discoloration of the skin.

To prevent this discoloration, it is important for African-Americans to use sunscreen on a regular basis. Although many African-Americans feel they are exempted from skin damage from the sun, this is definitely a misconception.

Sacha Cosmetics, a skin care company that specializes in makeup for all women of color, informs their customers that, "black skin is affect-

ed as much by sunlight, pollution and stress as women with lighter skin tones."

For skin that has already been discolored, there are many over-the-counter products and prescriptions that can help even out the complexion. Also, there are surgical options that can reverse the effects of skin discoloration. This, however, is a drastic step that should be considered a last resort.

Another common problem with African-American skin tones is oily facial skin. Sacha Cosmetics also informs customers that naturally oily skin can be made worse by the use of oily hair care products and consumption of fatty foods.

To prevent oily skin, African-Americans can use oil-free makeup and cleansers designed especially for those battling with oily skin. In addition to that, keeping away from moisturizers on the face helps with the excess of natural oils that may overly

moisten the face.

Blotting paper (paper that absorbs excess oil throughout the day) may be useful as well in getting rid of that moisture.

In contrast to oily facial skin, many African-Americans suffer from dry hands and bodies, especially during the winter months. To prevent dry skin, one must moisturize skin on a daily basis. It is also important to drink plenty of water to hydrate the skin.

Drinking water not only aids in preventing dry skin but also helps to maintain a clear skin on both face and body, partly protecting against acne and blemishes.

African-American women have the widest variety of skin tones of any other race, therefore African-Americans must take particular care when considering products for themselves.



A season of disappointment ACC gets replay

Marcus Gibbs

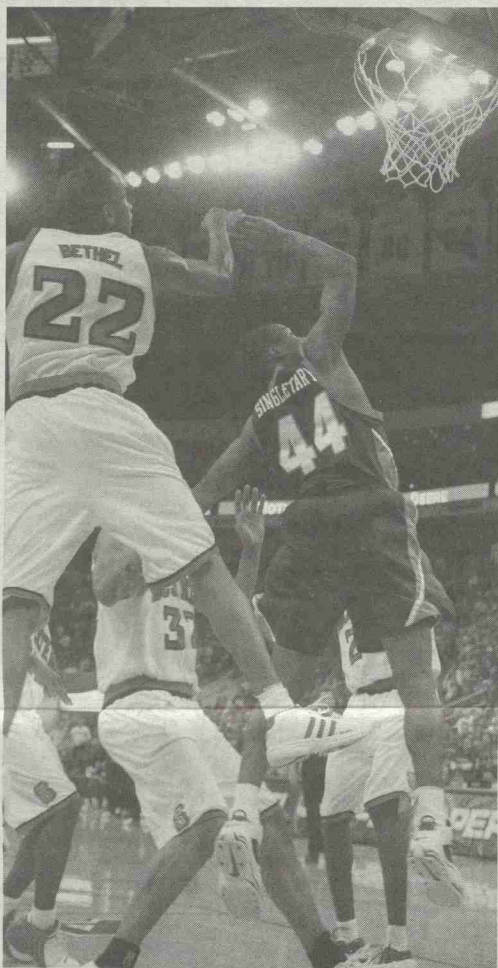
STAFF WRITER

The basketball season for the men's Wolfpack team looked like one of promise. Looking at the Wolfpack team of a year ago, and the team one year removed from its NCAA tournament bid, one would be disappointed at the state of the team right now. The players lost from a year ago were valuable, but the freshman players would appear to fill the shoes of those lost as the season progressed.

So much hope and better days looked to be ahead for this year's Wolfpack team. The new help for the Wolfpack team has done a great job in doing what they were supposed to do to help the team. The other players, including Wolfpack star Julius Hodge, have done whatever possible to ensure a win, but thus far, a win is not easy to come by.

Looking back at the season for the most part, it has not been that disappointing. Most of the ACC losses by NCSU were by less than three points. Blowouts would be more of a disappointment, because then the team would prove they had no chance of winning. For the most part, the Wolfpack has had a chance to win the game near the end but was not capable to pull out the win.

The Wolfpack ladies, on the other hand, cannot empathize with their fellow basketball comrades. Although the word about the women Wolfpack basketball team was not wide spread at the beginning of the season, the word is out now. Being the number 23 ranked team in the nation, the Wolfpack



Wolfpack vs. Virginia Cavaliers

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women earned respect and had no doubt that they could be where they are at this point in the season.

The lady Wolfpack has had two and three point losses to nationally top ranked

basketball powerhouses, Duke and UNC. With these hard fought, close battles, this Wolfpack team has proven itself to be a legiti-

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Henri Hudson

STAFF WRITER

The ACC has decided to experiment with the use of instant replay during the 2005-06, football season. The proposal was unanimously approved by the schools' faculty representatives at the winter conference meetings, according to the ACC's website.

After seeing the success the Big Ten Conference had last year with the technology, the ACC decided to implement the technology in its upcoming season. Last season, The Big Ten was the first conference to use instant replay. The move proved very profitable for the Big Ten, as they were able to reduce costly mistakes not seen by referees.

"The system that was used by the Big Ten this past season received very positive reviews and had minimal impact on the flow and length of the games," said ACC Commissioner John Swofford. The often criticized technology that is used by the NFL has been getting good reviews in college football.

Many ACC coaches, including our own Chuck Amato, are excited about having instant replay for the upcoming season.

After seeing the impact it had on games in the Big Ten last year, Amato said that instant replay "can be the difference between going to a bowl game, going to a big bowl or not going to any bowl at all."

Other coaches supporting instant replay include Florida State's Bobby Bowden and Miami's Larry Coker. "The main thing is that officials and coaches

want the calls to be right, and this is a better, more efficient way to get it right," said Larry Coker.

The ACC will be using a similar replay system that the Big Ten uses. Under the Big Ten system the calls that can be reviewed are scoring plays, passing plays and number of players on the field.

Although college football now has instant replay, it still differs from the system the NFL uses. In the NFL, either the replay assistant in the press box, or the head coach is allowed to challenge a call. This allows the NFL to make more precise judgment calls on a play. Even with the limitations of its version of instant replay, college football is taking a big step toward the right direction.

Instant replay in college football is especially vital considering the sport has no playoff system. Being so, each call is that much more important, because one game can make or break a team's season.

State learned this the hard way in a 30-24 loss to UNC-Chapel Hill this past season. In the final seconds of the game, running back T.A. McClendon dove for what was assumed the go ahead touchdown. However, the officials ruled that his knee was down before the ball crossed the goal line, according to the Sun Sentinel newspaper.

If a replay system would have been involved in that game, not only could have the outcome of the game been different, but N.C. State's season could have turned out differently.

Rube Foster: black baseball great

Marcus Gibbs

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The status of greatness works in various ways. However, as an African-American person, one's accomplishments are oftentimes overlooked. Andrew 'Rube' Foster is one of the few people in history that could boast about being a prime example of what African-Americans can do to change socially accepted ideologies and stereotypes.

During a time of severe

race riots in the city of Chicago, Foster did not use that as an excuse of not making his vision a reality.

Foster earned the nickname 'Rube' by winning a head-to-head pitching contest against one of the best white baseball all-stars at the time, Rube Wadell. In the game, Foster absolutely embarrassed his competition and gave his opponents an idea of how well an African-American pitcher could take over a game.

Obviously, Foster took

Wadell's pride and his game, and it was fitting that he also took his name. From then on, Andrew Foster was known as Rube Foster. He played for the Chicago Union Giants, and had 51 victories including the one over Wadell, and the most impressive thing was that all this happened in his first year of play in the professional league.

The following year, Foster topped his earlier per-

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Negro Leagues baseball great Rube Foster

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tain the bodies that they desire.

Extreme dieting, for instance, has become a vehicle for female self-esteem, self-worth and self-control. This type of dieting may reflect America's cultural norms which imply that women who eat and weigh less are more feminine and attractive. Societal influences and expectations, especially from the media, are constantly reinforcing those stereotypes.

In the media, the personas of the super-thin models, the phenomenon of the multi-million dollar diet industry and the overabundance of women's



5 self-esteem tips

- Take care of your health; it is a part of loving your body.
- Be your own cheerleader.
- Stop stressing over things that possibly can't be changed. You Are Beautiful.
- Pamper yourself.
- Realize that your body is yours for life.

magazines are continuously being shoved in the faces of our society's females.

These things play a key role in perpetuating female anxiety, and putting a damper on the female self-esteem. The influences and expectations greatly and negatively effect the female body image, our perception and feelings about our

selves.

We as women should remember that it is not society's happiness and approval that we should be striving to achieve

It is self approval that counts. What makes each woman personally happy is the most important priority. Stress that beauty is being you and loving yourself no matter what shape or size that it may happen to come in.

It's essential to keep in mind that not only is beauty seen on the outside, but on the inside as well.

For those dealing with self-esteem problems concerning body image, it is important to keep these things in mind.

celebrities. The elite of Hollywood are sporting the right-hand diamonds left and right.

Such famous women as Halle Berry, Jessica Alba, Janet Jackson and Sarah Jessica Parker, have all been spotted wearing the flashy rings. Also, runway shows are dressing their models in right-hand diamonds along with the latest fashion creations to give exposure to up-and-coming jewelry designers as well as clothing designers.

Another new trend that has taken flight is the colored diamond. Now you can get a great ring in a fancy cut like teardrop, marquise or heart, and choose a pink, yellow or even blue diamond to make these cuts all the more beautiful.

Well, we have established that right-hand rings are trendy

symbols of independence, as well as beautiful fashion accessories on runways and for everyday wear. Let's get to the real and more important aspect: How much do they cost?

Most right-hand rings are designed using multiple small diamonds, much like a cocktail ring. They may or may not have a large, solitaire stone that is used in many traditional engagement rings.

However, depending on the stone's quality and size, a right-hand ring can cost as much as an engagement ring.

Sorry, ladies! If you want the real thing, you will have to shell out two months' salary just like your fiancé. Well, there's always cubic zirconia... but only for right-hand rings, gentlemen!

nement run, as we have been used to seeing for the past few years, the men's Wolfpack team could be looking at the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) and could be watching the NCAA tournament at home. The women are looking at a NCAA tournament bid if they finish their season respectfully. Once in the tournament, the lady Wolfpack could do some damage and could cause a lot of problems in predicting the brackets.

The men's team is very capable of doing

the same, but has to find a gear to propel them into the tournament and become the team that many Wolfpack fans were expecting early in the season.

To say that this year's basketball season is disappointing is not fair to the lady Wolfpack who have been having a great season. They are playing as a unit, and with extra motivation for Coach Kay Yow. The word disappointment does not exist this year in Wolfpack basketball.

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formance by having 54 victories as a pitcher. Following that, he won a couple of pressure packed play-off games.

In 1907, black baseball team owner, Frank Leland hired Foster as a player and the manager of his team, the Leland Giants.

Not only did Foster pitch for the Giants, but he coached the team during the season. Foster used his dual positions as an opportunity to learn the different aspects of the game of baseball.

He led his team to a 110-10 record while winning 48 straight games during the same season. He learned how to become a better player and learn what it takes to maintain a team behind the scenes.

Three years later, Leland and Foster decided to go their separate ways with Foster

winning the name rights to Leland's old team. Foster changed the name of the team to the American Giants.

The team, organized by Foster was the Chicago American Giants, one of the best Negro teams in history winning 11 championships and putting other organizations to shame. Once again, Foster could not resist playing himself although he had an ownership position on the team.

In 1920, Foster formed the first formal Negro league named, the Negro National League. It consisted of eight teams; the Kansas City Monarchs, Indianapolis ABC's, Dayton Marcos, Chicago Giants, Chicago American Giants, Detroit Stars, St. Louis Giants and the Cuban Giants. The League went on successfully for 10 years until 1930, which was the death of Andrew

'Rube' Foster.

All these accomplishments are amazing, and admirable, but even more admirable is the time in which these accomplishments were attained. Most of Foster's success took place during the race riots in Chicago, the events that resulted in 38 people being killed, 20 blacks, and 537 people injured with 342 being African-Americans and leaving many homeless. Most of these happenings were jump started by economic problems after World War I.

Through the tough times, Foster found a way to become a successful business man and a player during a time of economic troubles. To him, baseball was more than a game, and he was more than a pitcher, Rube Foster was a businessman, personifying a dream that many at the time viewed virtually impossible.

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the right-hand ring wearer.

The Diamond Trading Company has coined several catchphrases that appeal to the independent woman.

"Your left hand lives for love. Your right hand lives for the moment," the ads say.

"Your left hand declares your commitment. Your right hand is a declaration of independence."

These slogans attract the woman who wants her diamond ring now and is not afraid to go out and get it. Not only does the right-hand ring let everyone know that the wearer is independent, it lets interested men know that she is also available.

This trend is also helped by the most public fashionistas —

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mate team in ACC play and in the nation. They are now 18-5 overall, 6-3 in the ACC.

In looking at both teams, it's easy to see two teams going in opposite directions. The men's team is suffering close losses in a game by game basis with an impressive win along the way. The women's team is winning consistently, winning both close games and closing out the games that they have under their control.

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Feb. 22, 2005, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 15

Dr. Patricia E. Bath
inventor of LASIK surgery
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, April 5

Dr. Harold Freeman
Ciba-Geigy Prof. of Chemistry
7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

AKA/ΑΦΑ Week

Monday, Feb. 21

Race Relations Forum
Multipurpose Room, AACC
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Let's Go State
NCSU vs. UNC
Playmakers, Hillsborough St.
7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

MLK Vigil
Begins at Belltower, followed
by a program
5:30 p.m.

Phirst Pham Program

126 Witherspoon
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Black Expressions
Co-sponsored with SAAC/BSB
Talley Student Center
Ballroom
7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 25

Bring 'Em Out! Bring 'Em Out
Skate Ranch on Trawick Rd.
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Highway Clean Up
9 a.m.

Phirst Pham Car Wash

1 p.m.

New AACC Library Books

Million Dollar Divorce

R.M Johnson

Pushkin and the Queen of Spades

Alice Randall

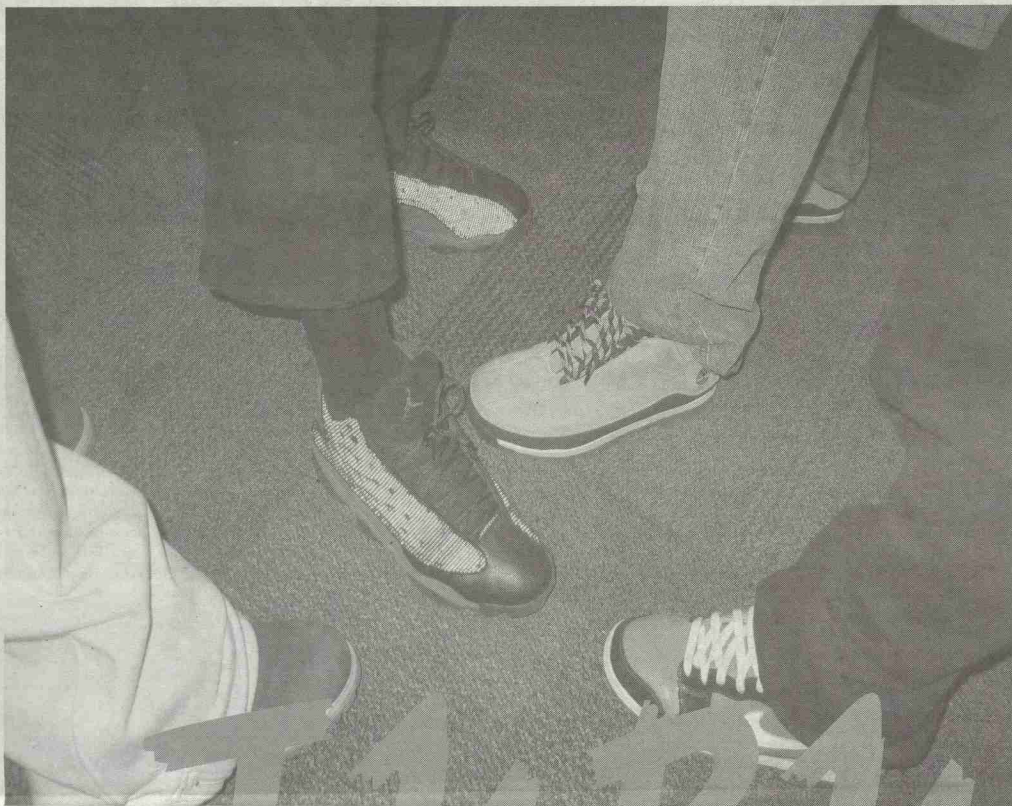
Would I Lie to You?

Trisha Thomas

Year the Colored Sisters Came to Town

Jacqueline Guidry

The AACC Library is located on the second floor of Witherspoon, adjacent to the Gallery. Any student with a student ID is welcome to use its resources and check out books.



Fashionable, Unique, Black and Unified

 Cedric Pickett
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When one asks about the styles of the black male students on campus, some may jump to the conclusion that the majority of them are hip-hop oriented. What does that mean? You are probably thinking of baggy jeans, huge shirts, fitted caps and a 20 inch diamond chain.

Well, even I'll admit that there is "some" truth to that. Nevertheless, if one would take a careful look at the black male students who are in the Atrium, library, classroom or hanging out in gym, one can conclude that there is a variety in the dress of African-American males on campus. Black males on campus are fashionable, unique, black and unified in their trends.

Watch black male entertainers on television such as Usher, Kanye West and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. The traditional style of hip-hop is changing. It is transforming from baggy shirts to polo

shirts, Avirex jackets to blazers and gangster to ... sophisticated.

When computer science senior Gui Oliveira was asked about his style of dress, he responded that being unique was his overall goal.

"I like people who are different and who are themselves. Similar to Pharrell Williams, I like being a trendsetter and not a trend follower," Oliveira said.

Oliveira mentioned that his favorite shirts were Polo and Lacoste. In addition, he favored Retro Nike shoes and LRG jeans.

"My style is contemporary and above casual," stated freshman Ryan Prather as he stood with a dark blue dress shirt with light blue streaks that matched his dark blue dominated Timberlands that were "highlighted" in the brim and in the Timberland symbol in a similar Carolina blue color.

Prather remarked, "It is an urban style. I love to be

formal with the dress shirts and things of that nature, but not too formal."

When he was asked about hip-hop influencing his style, he replied, "Hip-hop hasn't influenced my style. Before the dress shirts became popular at my high school, I was already wearing them. On the other hand, I do like to wear Timberlands."

The question is, does hip-hop play a huge role in African-American male students style of dress on campus? Jeremy Byrd, a sophomore in biological sciences and Spanish, believes it does.

"I believe a lot of people in general are affected by hip-hop fads such as the dreads and going natural," Jeremy replied. "I can't do what everyone else does."

Byrd continued by saying that his favorite brands of clothing were Phatfarm, Enyce and New Era hats with the brim straight and wearing it forward.

"I choose this style

because of my own personal desire, it is comfortable and it looks good to the females while fitting in with other guys."

Take a good look at the image of black males on television and one can see a dramatic difference.

Programs such as The Practice and The Apprentice are enhancing the image of African-American males with more black judges, lawyers, business men and doctors.

Understandably, Oliveira, Prather and Byrd can not speak for the entire community of African-American males on campus.

However, the three students did agree that black male students' choice of clothing is unified in hip-hop while still leaving room for uniqueness. "Most guys are hip-hop oriented in their choice of jeans, shirts and hats," Oliveira persisted, "but variety is still displayed from person to person."